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FOR A SINGLE STATE.

Resolutions Adopted at the Oklahoma City Non-Partisan Convention.

After re-affirming the resolutions adopted at the Claremore convention, the single statehood convention at Oklahoma City passed the following:

"We urge upon the attention of Congress the fact that it is not a question as to whether these two territories shall be united, but whether they shall be divided. Thousands upon thousands of our citizens have moved into both territories, relying upon past legislation and the future wisdom of Congress as insuring no division of these two territories upon the arrival of ultimate statehood.

"Section 1 of the act of May 1, 1890 (26 Statutes at Large, 81), known as the organic act, creating Oklahoma territory, contains the following provision: 'Any other lands within the Indian Territory not embraced within these bounds shall hereafter become a part of the territory of Oklahoma, when over the Indian nation or tribe owning such lands shall signify to the President of the United States in legal manner its assent that such lands shall become a part of said territory of Oklahoma, and the President thereupon make proclamation to that effect.'

"Oklahoma as it exists today is the aggregate of various purchases from the several Indian tribes, which have been opened to settlement at intervals, running from the 22nd day of April, 1889, to the 1st day of August, 1901, and in view of the legislation quoted and the history of the organization of Oklahoma it has been our well founded belief that the Congress would never divide the people of these two territories or undertake to create two states within their borders. We now feel that the passage of the Nelson bill is but a fulfillment of the original promise rising out of the history of Oklahoma and the Indian Territory, and that it is but a simple act of justice to the one million American citizens now living within our borders.

The creation of two states out of our territory, and the passage of an omnibus bill with the subsequent attachment to Oklahoma of Indian Territory are two calamities viewed with equal abhorrence by the fair minded, non-partisan business interests of both territories. To pass the omnibus bill, thus giving to one-half of our territory the right to frame the organic law and organize the state government and locate all public institutions, and then to attach the other half of our common territory, with equal population, equal taxable wealth and equal resources, is an act of such gross and palpable injustice to that half of the people as to be attached, that we cannot believe the statehood of the United States Senate will ever consent to its perpetration.

We declare to the Congress that a question of statehood is one of our future destiny as a great American Union, and we appeal to the members of the United States, to consider the merits and disengage themselves from all on going alliances so that justice may be administered to all people whose future is at stake, and standing as an American Commonwealth is of infinitely more importance than temporary advantage or any unwise gain resulting from an undivided number of United States.

Finally, we affirm, as our official declaration that the interests of Oklahoma

and Indian Territory are affected by the omnibus bill, we are unalterably opposed to its provisions, and we prefer absolutely no statehood legislation to the passage of that bill.

"By act of Congress passed more than two years ago, all the Indians in the Indian Territory are made citizens of the United States and their competency for the burdens and duties of statehood in common with the other inhabitants in that territory has been settled.

"We express our entire confidence in the good faith of Senators Beveridge, Nelson and others in their efforts to secure statehood for the two territories, on terms of absolute equality, at the earliest moment, and denounce as a subterfuge the charge that their efforts in urging single statehood is to prevent all statehood legislation in the present Congress."

Can Abrogate Treaties.

The government gained a final victory in a decision of the Supreme Court of the United States in the celebrated Lone Wolf Indian case Monday. This is the case which involves Kiowa, Comanche and Apache lands in Oklahoma, embracing upwards of 2,000,000 acres and involves the authority of congress over tribal Indians and tribal lands. Congress, without the assent of the Indians, directed that these lands be opened to settlement and disposition, gave the Indians allotments of 160 acres each, and a common pasture of 480,000 acres, and provided that they be paid from time to time, as their necessities should require, \$2,000,000 in money. The Indians claimed that the lands had been set apart for them by the treaty of 1867, and that it was stipulated in that treaty that the lands should never be taken from them except upon the written consent of two thirds of their number, and accordingly brought a suit in the supreme court of the District of Columbia, against the Secretary of the Interior, and other governmental officials, to enjoin them from opening the lands. The supreme court of the District of Columbia decided against the Indians, as did also the court of appeals of the District of Columbia, and Monday the supreme court of the United States settled the question for all time by affirming the decision of the lower courts. The supreme court's decision, handed down by Mr. Justice White, holds that tribal Indians are the wards of the government; that congress is charged with the duty of controlling tribal Indians and their property, that the judgment of the guardian is superior to the will of the ward, and that congress is charged with the duty and the power of doing with tribal Indians and tribal property whatever it seems to be for the best interest of such Indians. The opinion states that the act opening the Kiowa lands is full within the authority of congress and that the action of the Secretary of the Interior and the other officers of the government was in accord with the act of congress and that therefore the injunction must be denied.—Muskegon Pioneer

Finds Way to Live Long.

The startling announcement of a discovery that will surely lengthen life is made by editor O. H. Downey, of Chubbuck, Ind. "I wish to state," he writes, "that Dr. King's New Discovery for Consumption is the most infallible remedy that I have ever known for coughs, colds and grip. It is invaluable to people with weak lungs. Having this wonderful medicine no one need dread pneumonia or consumption. Its relief is instant and cure certain." Peoples and A. W. Foreman's drug stores guarantee every 50c and \$1 bottle, and give trial bottles free.

Visiting cards printed with our new type faces "Emf. ver's Roman" are the latest.

Chelms Notes.

Mrs. W. H. Scudder is still confined to her bed with rheumatism. Fawn Nash of Ft. Gibson is visiting at S. A. McSpadden's.

The Oil Co. have completed laying pipe and are now pumping oil a distance of six miles.

John Bullate was here from Claremore Tuesday.

C. J. Strange filed on his allotment Monday.

Miss Rose Roach from Ft. Scott is visiting in the city.

Miss Puryear of Seneca and Miss Sarah Clark have positions in the postoffice.

Mrs. Ed. Byrd is on the sick list.

Messrs. Poole, Fisher and Parkins are hunting in the Osage nation.

Handsome Passenger Trains.

The Texas Midland Railroad enjoys the distinction of possessing the most luxuriously equipped day trains west of the Mississippi, and probably with few equals in any section of the country. The principal trains, consisting of mail, baggage and express cars, day coaches, reclining chair cars and cafe cars, are striking models of the car builders art and are exceedingly well arranged and decorated. The full trains harmonize in color and finishing from end to end, each platform being completely covered with rubber mats and well lighted, forming an avenue the full length of the train. The leading color is a pleasing shade of green, inside and out, with rich cathedral glass ventilators and heavy plate glass windows. The reclining chairs and seats are upholstered in velvet plush and the smoking compartments and toilet rooms are equipped with leather covered high back seats. The inside finishing is in finished oak, with full width french bevel mirrors at each end and the doors are covered with Wilton carpets, the whole blending into a delicate and attractive shade of green. One of the most interesting features is the cafe with which the windows are adjusted by simply pressing a spring, without the tugging and profanity usually necessary in such operations. The trains are brilliantly lighted by a new system of acetylene gas, arranged in clusters of shaded globes, and are heated at an even temperature by steam. The automatic slack adjusters and air and steam couplers and brakes are of the most approved pattern and insure absolute safety at high speed. The elevated cafe car service is probably the chief attraction, food in any quantity and variety being obtainable at all hours at most reasonable prices. The equipment throughout is on a high plane and is thoroughly in keeping with the Midland's reputation as the leading road of the state.

The crowned heads of every nation, The rich men, poor men and misers All join in paying tribute to DeWitt's Little Early Risers.

H. Williams, San Antonio, Tex., writes: "Little Early Riser Pills are the best I ever used in my family. I unhesitatingly recommend them to everybody. They cure constipation, biliousness, sick headache, torpid liver, jaundice, malaria and all other liver troubles." A. W. Foreman.

Children Poisoned.

Many children are poisoned and made nervous and weak, if not killed outright, by mothers giving them cough syrups containing opiates. Foley's Honey and Tar is a safe and certain remedy for coughs, croup and lung trouble, and is the only prominent cough medicine that contains no opiates or other poisons. Sold by Shazahan & Mitchell.

HELPFUL READING.

Some newspapers print matter to fill up space. Much of this is really harmful reading. It is the aim of the Semi-Weekly News to give helpful reading. Thousands will testify to its helpfulness to them. Ask your neighbor.

THE FARMERS' has helped so many. It is not the theory of farming written by college professors and others up north on the conditions that don't fit Texas. It is the actual experience of farmers here at home who have turned over the soil.

SPECIAL OFFER. If you are not taking the WEEKLY CHIEFTAIN you should be. It is helpful to the best interests of your town and county. For \$1.50, cash in advance, we will mail you The Weekly Chieftain and the Galveston or The Dallas Semi-Weekly News for 12 months. Both papers stop when your time is out.

Badgett-Sanders Semi-Annual Clearing Sale

Is now on; every article of a seasonable nature must be closed out. Price cuts no figure with us this time

Ladies' Tailor-Made Suits, 25 per cent discount.

Ladies' Coats, Jackets and Capes 20 per cent discount.

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Ladies' Misses and Children's knit Underwear 20 per cent discount



There is not much in our stock now that you can not buy at prices very much in favor of your purse. It will be much to your advantage to make your purchases from us at this time, as these prices will be withdrawn after January 17



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